

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11187.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. TERRORISM POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary concluded hearings on United States policy on terrorism in light of the FALN members clemency, after receiving testimony from Neil J. Gallagher, Assistant Director for National Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Patrick Fitzgerald, Chief of the Organized Crime and Terrorism Unit, U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, both of the Department of Justice.

HYBRID PENSIONS PLANS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee held hearings to examine the growth of hybrid pension plans and their advantages and disadvantages over traditional defined benefit pension plans, receiving testimony from Senator Leahy; Representatives Hinchey and Sanders; J. Mark Iwry, Benefits Tax Counsel, and Stuart L. Brown, Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, both of the Department of the Treasury; Bill Syverson, Colchester, Vermont, and J. Thomas Bouchard, Armonk, New York, both of the IBM Corporation; Janet Krueger, Rochester, Minnesota, on behalf of the IBM Employee Benefits Action Coalition; Robert G. Chambers, Montgomery, McCracken, Walker and Rhoads, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the Association of Private Pension and Welfare Plans; Ron Gebhardtshauer, American Academy of Actuaries, Karen W. Ferguson, Pension Rights Center, Morton Bahr, Communications Workers of America, Lawrence Z. Lorber, Sonnenschein, Nath and Rosenthal,

all of Washington, D.C.; and John F. Woyke, Towers Perrin, Valhalla, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

SCHOOL SYSTEMS Y2K READINESS

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: Committee concluded hearings to explore Y2K readiness among public school systems, colleges and universities, and the college financial aid system, after receiving testimony from Marshall S. Smith, Acting Deputy Secretary of Education; Richard R. Boyd, and Terryl J. Hedrich, both of the Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, California; Richard D. Koeller, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois; K. David Weidner, American Association of School Administrators, Arlington, Virginia; George Chin, City University of New York, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators; Paul Kobulnicky, University of Connecticut, Storrs; and William E. Lewis, Arizona State University, Phoenix.

COUNTER-INSURGENCY VS. COUNTER-NARCOTICS

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Committee concluded hearings on counter-insurgency vs. counter-narcotics issues in regards to Colombia and U.S. efforts to stop drug production and transiting, after receiving testimony from Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; Brian E. Sheridan, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander in Chief, United States Southern Command, both of the Department of Defense; and Bernard Aronson, ACON Investments, former Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, and Michael Shifter, Inter-American Dialogue, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 2883–2907; 1 private bill, H.R. 2908; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 297, were introduced. **Pages H8467–68**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 295, providing for consideration of H.R. 1875, to amend title 28, United States Code, to allow the application of the principles of Federal diversity jurisdiction to interstate class actions; and

H. Res. 296, providing for consideration of H.R. 1487, to provide for public participation in the declaration of national monuments under the Act popularly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906 (H. Rept. 106–327). **Page H8467**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H8387**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. David N. Morrell of Houston, Texas. Page H8390

Recess: The House recessed at 12:56 p.m. and reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Page H8390

Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Cyberspace Electronic Security: Message wherein he transmitted his proposed legislation entitled the Cyberspace Electronic Security—Act referred to the Committees on Judiciary and Government Reform and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–123); and Pages H8390–91

National Emergency Re Angola: Message wherein he transmitted his report concerning the national emergency with respect to Angola—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–127). Page H8432

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

National Historic Preservation Fund Authorization Extension: H.R. 834, amended, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund; Pages H8408–09

National Marine Sanctuaries Enhancement Act of 1999: H.R. 1243, amended, to reauthorize the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H8409–16

Land Conveyance of Certain National Forest Lands to Elko, Nevada: H.R. 1231, amended, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest lands to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery; Pages H8420–21

Terry Peak Land Transfer Act of 1999: H.R. 2079, to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in the State of South Dakota; Pages H8421–22

Torture Victims Relief Act: H.R. 2367, amended, to reauthorize a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture; Pages H8424–27

Consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact: H.J. Res. 54, granting the consent of Congress to the Missouri-Nebraska Boundary Compact; Pages H8427–29

Consent of Congress to the Boundary Change Between Georgia and South Carolina: H.J. Res. 62, to grant the consent of Congress to the boundary change between Georgia and South Carolina; Pages H8429–31

Veterans' Millennium Health Care Act: H.R. 2116, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a program of extended care serv-

ices for veterans and to make other improvements in health care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (passed by a ye and nay vote of 369 yeas to 46 nays Roll No. 427); Pages H8392–H8408, H8440

Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 1999: H.R. 1431, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act (passed by a ye and nay vote of 309 yeas to 106 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 428); and Pages H8406–20, H8440–41

Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area Act: H.R. 468, amended, to establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area (passed by a ye and nay vote of 410 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 429). Pages H8422–24, H8441–42

Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations: The House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Wolf, DeLay, Regula, Rogers, Packard, Callahan, Tiahrt, Aderholt, Granger, Young of Florida, Sabo, Olver, Pastor, Kilpatrick, Serrano, Forbes, and Obey. Pages H8431–32

Agreed to the Sabo motion to instruct conferees to insist on maximum funding, within the scope of the conference, for the functions and operations of the Office of Motor Carriers. Pages H8431–32

Consolidation of Milk Marketing Orders: The House agreed to H. Res. 294, the rule providing for consideration of the bill H.R. 1402, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders by voice vote. Pages H8433–40

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Juvenile Justice Reform Act: Representative Lofgren notified the House of her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1501, Violent and Repeat Juvenile Offender Accountability and Rehabilitation Act of 1999, on September 22. Page H8439

Recess: The House recessed at 4:43 p.m. and reconvened at 5:04 p.m. Page H8432

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H8387.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8440, H8441, and H8441–42. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

RUSSIAN MONEY LAUNDERING

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Held a hearing on Russian Money Laundering. Testimony was heard from Lawrence H. Summers, Secretary of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

"CLEMENCY FOR THE FALN: A FLAWED DECISION?"

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "Clemency for the FALN: A Flawed Decision?" Testimony was heard from Representatives Fossella and Romero-Barceló; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Neil Gallagher, Assistant Director, National Security, FBI; Michael B. Cooksey, Assistant Director, Correctional Programs, Bureau of Prisons; and Jon Jennings, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Legislative Affairs; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—SURVEY AND MANAGE SPECIES ON THE NATIONAL FORESTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Survey and Manage Species on the National Forests. Testimony was heard from Jim Furnish, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL MONUMENT NEPA COMPLIANCE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1487, National Monument NEPA Compliance Act, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Resources. The rule makes in order the Committee on Resources amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for purpose of amendment, which shall be open for amendment at any point. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hansen and Vento.

INTERSTATE CLASS ACTION JURISDICTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 1875, Interstate Class Action Jurisdiction

Act of 1999, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be open for amendment by section. The rule provides for the consideration of pro forma amendments and those amendments pre-printed in the Congressional Record, which may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, and shall be considered as read. The rule permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representative Conyers.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action the following: a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the European Council noise rule affecting hushkitted and re-engined aircraft; and the National Transportation Safety Board Amendments Act of 1999.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Conferees continued in evening session to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1906, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine national security requirements and continued training operations at the Vieques Training Range, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Justice's handling of the Charlie Trie case, relating to the campaign finance investigation, 10 a.m., SD-628.